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# BLUES GO PLASTIC

AMBITIOUS Caulfield City has stolen a march on the rest of Victoria's clubs, and probably on all Australian clubs too, by switching Saturday's State League fixture with Springvale City to the new synthetic surface at Olympic Park No.2.

Olympic Park management converted its second pitch from grass to synthetic at a cost of

By LES SHORROCK

half a million dollars in June last year after sending Ground Manager Roger Hampson on a European feasibility tour.

Hampson inspected the pitches at Luton Town and Queens Park Rangers as well as similar complexes in Holland, Belgium and West Germany.

On his recommendation, the plastic pitch

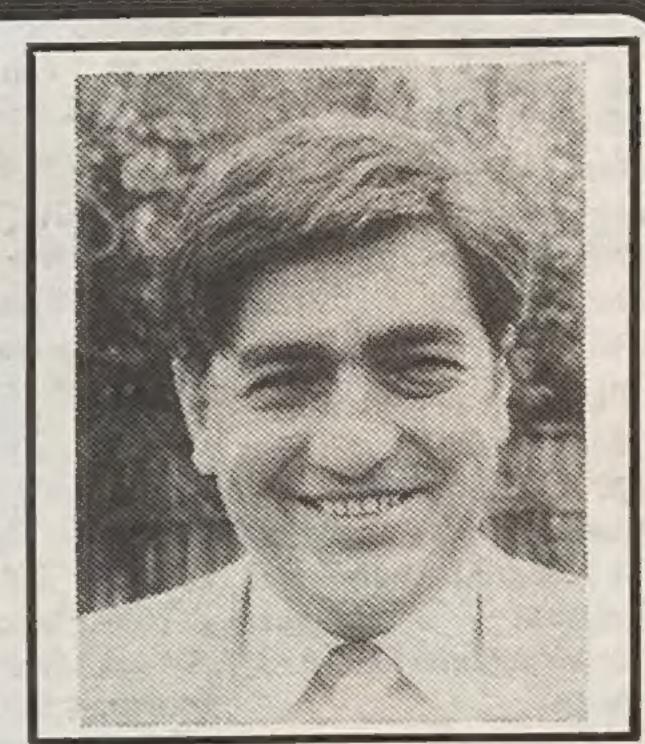
was laid at No.2 and since then has been used for gridiron, hockey and lacrosse.

Both Juventus and Melbourne Croatia have trained on it and found it satisfactory.

Mr George Zafiropoulos, spokesman for

Caulfield City, says his club is delighted to have the opportunity to play on No.2.

He says his club is very disappointed at the stance of Caulfield City Council, which seems unwilling to upgrade the facilities at its home ground in Princes Park.



# YOU'RE OFFSIDE CRIES HAMPSON

# PRESTON PROBLEMS

PRESTON Makedonia may not play its next
National League game at Connor Reserve.
Reservoir, on Sunday March 13 if a group of local
residents has its way.
On Monday 30 Reservoir rate-payers protested at
the Preston Council meeting about the noise on
match days and the inconvenience caused by
motor vehicles parking in the area.
Preston committee and supporters who have
poured thousands of dollars into ground
improvements are very concerned about the
situation.

The club's next home game is against Footscray.

OUR report last week on the ground invasion at Olympic Park during the South Melbourne v. Marconi NSL match ruffled a few feathers at headquarters.

A spokesman for the OPMC said the story was unfair and biased because it didn't represent Olympic Park's side of the proceedings.

For instance he points out that the ground was booked for athletics until 6 pm anyway, and that it was soccer clubs' refusal to kick off later that caused the confusion.

He also went to some pains to point out that it was not Olympic Park's policy to erect a fence on the three sides which still only has a low rail because Olympic Park is a multi-purpose facility and not solely for soccer.

#### By LES SHORROCK

On the vexed question of security he said it was OP's policy that maintaining security is the responsibility of the hiring body, be it the VSF, the ASF or the NSL.

"We only hire out the ground, it is up to the clubs playing there to keep their supporters in order" he says.

This will probably come as a surprise to South Melbourne for one. Its security Jim Armstrong said after the game that he thought there should have been more stewards available.

The problem there, says the Park spokesman, is that it costs \$60 for each steward working a four-hour shift on a Sunday.

"The clubs just can't afford to pay for security at those rates, in fact some clubs



Roger Hampson

the rent, let alone hire extra security."



Caulfield City souvenir — back page

#### JIM Patikas is back from AEK Athons to play for Austraila against Israel at Olympic park on Sunday but who will be replace?

If coach Frank Arok decides to use him in attack, Patikas would have to take the place of John Kosmina or Graham Arnold.

If he plays as an attack- the president and did a selani (Hapoel Petach ing midfielder, he would moonlight flit. replace Mike Petersen.

after coming half way round the world just to play in the Olympic series, that would not make much sense.

After all, he has been one of the top scorers in offset the advantage Daniel Brialovski gives

Brialovski played for Independiente in Argentina and, after \$350,000 transfer, helped America FC win Mexican championship. He joined

Patikas has joined the opposition from the AEK Shimonov (Maccabi Tel Mozambique.

# Where will Jim Patikas play?

Scott Ollerenshaw. The Israeli squad is: Goalkeepers: Ban for the 1970 World Cup rather than national said last week. Maccabi Haifa three Zion Ginsburg (Maccabi finals in Mexico, after the teams.

Years ago.

Katharita Tropolistic Tropolistic Track of the Track of t (Shimshon Tel Aviv).

Tiqva), Leor Rosenthal My tip is that Patikas (Maccabi Haifa).

meet Israel is: goal- Daniel

Hunter, Andrew Koczka, Davadi (Hapoel Beer- over Taipei in Canberra Hag midfielders Mike Peter- sheba), Shalom Tikva last Friday night. sen, Jim Patikas, Alan (Maccabi Netanya), Alan Davidson and Wade, Oscar Crino, Moshe Izenberg (Beni Charlie Yankos each Graham Arnold, Tommy Yehuda), Eli Drieks played his 30th full inter-McCulloch, Strikers (Maccabi Tel Aviv), Nir national for Australia Frank Farina, David Levin (Hapoel Petach while Oscar Crino Mitchell, John Kosmina. Tiqva).

Australia by a goal over ting all appearances, in- physical style is not my Socceroos had won qualifying matches in Socceroos despite strong Defenders: Moshe South Korea and

president who offered Aviv), Eli Cohen In 1985, the Socceroos him \$30,000 to stay for (Hapoel Tel Aviv), Nir eliminated Israel but league Klinger (Maccabi Haifa), faltered at the final matches against OFI and Avi Cohen (Glasgow hurdle, against Scotland. Rangers), Nir Alon But the two countries He now believes he no (Hapoel Petach Tiqva), must be the most evenly- land's Olympic seccer squad Gisborne City. While Strikers: Fred de Jong Israel, Australia v. C. longer has a future in Avraham Cohen (Betar matched in world soccer. last week. Greece because he defied Jerusalem), Yaron Par- They have played each "I've got a good job as Wednesday,

Alternatively, he may will come into midfield at Midfielders: Uri Malother 14 times, with start on the bench — but the expense of Petersen, millan (Betar Jerusalem), Australia holding a one-The Socceroo squad to Roni Rosenthal (Bruges), day match advantage, meet Israel is: goal- Daniel Brialovski with four wins, six draws, meet Israel is: goalkeepers, Jeff Olver, Mike
Gibson, defenders Alan
Davidson, Alex Tobin,
Charlie Yankos, Garry
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Three Socceroos nationals in three years, reached personal mileit's time to think of my
Tobasis in the 3-0 victory
Tobasis in the 3-0 victory
Tobasis in the 3-0 victory

notched up his 50th game In 1969, Israel beat for the Socceroos, coun-

a plumber but I would actually was loaned out to Doncaster Rovers and squad, and the New Zea- Torquay. land federation does not

George's 1987 grand ton), Paul final victory, scoring two (Papatoetoe),

Zealand's

But while New Zealand coach Kevin Fallon KEVIN HAGAN has lost Hagan, he has re-KIWI expatriate Kevin from Sheffield Wednes-Arek's St George Budapest, become player-coach of withdrew from New Zea- Fallon's former club,

NSW), Grant Schofield

Richard (Gisborne City), Shane Rufer (FC Hagan, 30, the target Ceri Evans (Christman in New Zealand's church Utd), Malcolm attack, was the hero of St Dunford (DB Welling- Stadium, 2pm: Israel v.

ton), Robert Ironside

(Sydney Olympic), Chris

Zoricic (Papatoetoe).

Halligan (Christchurch Utd), Paul Halford (Bris- Israel. Edge (Mt Maunganui), Utd), Grant Turner (Wellington Utd), Kim Hagan, who plays for Frank day a few months ago to Mike McGarry (Dunedin

> contracted to Sheffield (Marconi), Colin Walker Taipei or Western Walker (Gisborne City), Paul Samoa.

Nixon (Gisborne City), Noel Barkley (Papatoetoe). One of those has to be omitted to reduce the squad to the allowable

\*\*\* The Olympic qualifying programme is:

March 6 at Olympic Zealand v. Chinese Taipei or Western Samoa (depending on play)off yesterday, March 3): 8.30pm Australia v

March 9 at Hind-Zealand v. Israel; 9pm;

March 13 at Sydney Western Samoa; 4pm: of four goals against Herbert (Mt Welling- Australia v. New Zea-

March 20 in Christchurch: New Zealand v. Taiwan or Western Samoa, Australia v.

Duncan Cole (Nth. Sore ton: New Zealand v.

March 27 in Auckland: New Zealand v.



Jim Patikas... back home to play for the Socceroos.

# THEO, DAVO BACKIN BUSINESS

WHEN Theo Selemidis switched from Heldelberg-Alexandra to Melbourne Croatia last week, he resumed a partnership Laurie Schwab looks 7 that has spanned the

Croatia star Alan Davidson have played together in Paraguay, Brazil, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Greece, England, Italy, Yugoslavia, Israel, Hong Kong and Indonesia.

They first teamed up in the national youth team of 1978-79, they helped Australia win the 1980 Oceania Cup and they were on the Socceroos' 1980 world

But in the NSL they were opponents until last week.

Selemidis spent 11 seasons with Alexander after switching from Hellas where he played junior soccer in the company of Kris Kalifatidis, Lou Tsigaras, Kyri Kyriakouleas and Steve Kakantonis. Davidson joined Hellas from Altona City in 1979, returned to the club after a stint with Nottingham Forest and now is with Croatia.

It was due to the support of Davidson tralian players that Socceroo coach Rudi Gutendorf was perfinal and final.

story for the first time

Socceroos' 1980 world look-out posted to warn us when Rudi approa-Davidson, playing in "When the look-out

Selemidis, coming on as decision gave Greece a last-minute penalty that

Alan Davidson teaming up with Selemidis

back door, straight into bidding for Selemidis

before Croatia signed

About reports that he

exhorbitant salary to

play for George Cross,

he said: "Look I exper-

ienced the dissappoint-

ment of relegation with

Alexander, so if I was

another struggling side

His \$15,000 transfer

start of 1987 makes him

pensive full back in

Australian soccer, after

(\$25,000) and Peter

Lewis (\$18,000).

Schwab on the Socceroos, see Page 2

while financially."

the shower and when

Rudi called again, I cam

"He didn't go for it

"It wasn't until the

out claiming I had been

in the shower all the

and dropped me from

the team for the last two

son were the heroes of a

3-3 draw with Greece in

Cross and Footscray my room, I went in the JUST also were in the

CAN MIX IT MAKEDONIA'S star recrult, Saso Petkovski, is well aware that Australian defenders can be

> Macedonian behind me, and I can handle anything."

PETKOVSKI

Petkovski said that he became accustomed to physical soccer in the Macedonian League where, playing with Skopje, he scored 14 goals in one season before returning Vardar Skopje where he had started as a sevenyear-old.

At Vardar, however, sat on the bench, playing second fiddle to the club's top scorer, Darko Pancev. And so, while Australia's top players - Patikas, Krncevic, Kalantzis, Mitchell - head for Europe to make their mark, Petkovski took the opposite route.

"I didn't have a chance to replace Pancev, so I took the offer from Melbourne - especially since it Macedonian club," he said through Georgievski, the Make-

donia team manager. "Now I have to prove to Vardar with my pergood enough to play for them and I hope that they call me back after I

year contract here." ... SEKI BEAT RIVERA

have finished my one-

CAME across the voting for the European Player of the Year Award conducted by the Paris-based

greatness of Dragoslav

In the poll, soccer writers in 19 countries such legendary stars as Gianni Rivera, Jimmy

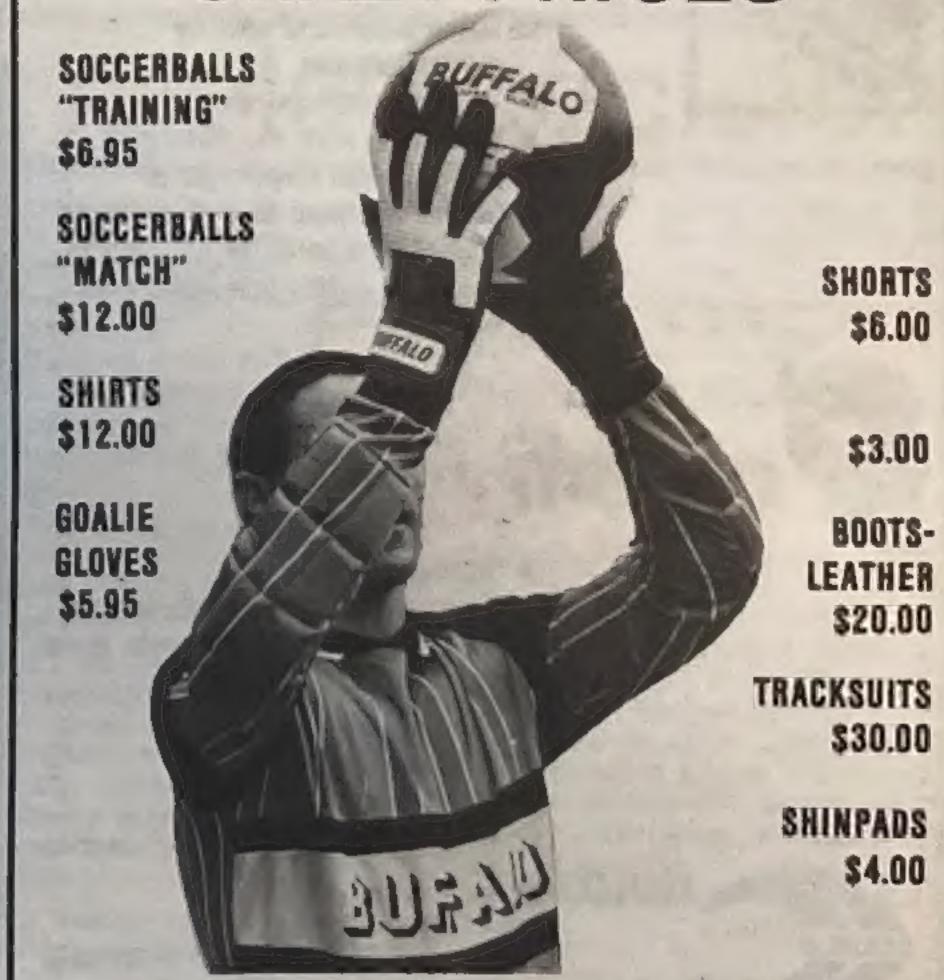
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Theo Selemidis

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#### HOW THEY STAND

NSL LEAGUE TABLE

N.Y.L. LADDER

Laurie Schwab

From Page 3

Francisco Gento.

The voting:

Koln.)

Belgrade).

65. Masopust (Dukla

53. Eusebio (Benfica).

33. Schnellinger (F.C

26. Sekularac (Red Star

15. Jurion (Ander-

14. Rivera (AC Milan).

11. Greaves (Totten-

10. Charles (AS

Roma), Galic (Parti-

4. Kopa (Reims), Law

(Manchester Utd).

Aguas (Benfica), Sivori

3. Lerond (Stade Fran-

cais), Suarex (Inter

(Spartak Prague), De

Piero (Torino),

Albert (Ferencyaros),

Nemec (FK Austria),

Hamrin (Fiorentina),

Schroif (Slovan Bratis-

1. Tichy (Honved).

Gento (Real Madrid).

Pascutti (Bologna).

Solymosi

Kvasniak

(Ujpest).

6. Gorocs (Ujpest).

ham Hotspur).

zan Belgrade).

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Marconi					- 8	6	Preston	4	0	-1	16	5
Syd. Olympic 5					2	6	Clarinda 5	4	0	1	13	6
Sth Melb 5					_		Sunshine G.X4	3	0	1	13	4
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B. Juventus					6		Oakleigh 4	1	3	0	11	10
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Preston Mak 5						3	Nunawading City 5	0	1	4	4	20
Adelaide C 5				2	10	2	Wav./Mulg. UTD4			4	4	14

THIS WEEKEND'S NSL GAMES Saturday March 5 WOLLONGONG CITY v MARCONI at BRANDON PARK K.O. 6 pm

BRISBANE LIONS V SYDNEY CROATIA at RICHLANDS K.O. 6 pm SUNDAY MARCH 6 ST. GEORGE v SYDNEY OLYMPIC at ST. GEORGE K.O. 6 pm

> National Youth League - Round 5: Sunday March 6th, 1988. Waverley/Mulgrave UTD v. Heidelberg Utd; Clifton Hill v. Nenawading City 3.00 pm. Clarinda v. Oakleigh.

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#### NATIONAL LEAGUE ROUND-UP

NSL ROUND FIVE

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 3 (McLaren 6th, Carter 24th, Markovski 54th) BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 3 (Palatsides 2nd, & 41st, Egan 70th).

At Chaplin Reserve, Sunday crowd 2,500, referee C. Bambridge GEORGE CROSS: Keogh 7 — Faulkner 6, Weddell 9, Kotzamichalis 7, Campelj 6 — Lennon 6, Carter 7, McLaren 7, Markovski 7 — Markovac 7, Clark 9. Coach John Gardiner. JUVENTUS: Marrama 6 — Lewis 4, McDowall 7, Brown 6, Marley 7— Durakovic 5 (Lane 66th), Incantalupo 5, Zinni 5, Petersen 4— Palatsides 8, Egan 7. Coach Len McKendry.

#### Ratings by Les Shorrock. MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Milosevic 88th) PRESTON

MAKEDONIA O. At Olympic Park Sunday. Crowd 2,500 approx. referee J. Fraser.

cautions Heys (M.C.), Dimovski (P.M.) MELBOURNE CROATIA: Olver 8 — Heys 7, Davidson 7, Dobson 6 Donnelly 6 - Biskic 8, Scott 6, Milosevic 9, Selemidis 6 (Valentic 60th) - Lewis 7 (Talajic 73rd), Murphy 7. Coach Ian Wallace. PRESTON: Traianides 6 - Ilioski 6, Jackson 6, Tasevski 6. Roodhouse 6 - Petrov 7, Dimovski 4, Stewart 7, Gojevic 5 -Petkovski 6 (Brian 62nd), Smith 5. Coach Ernie Merrick. Ratings by Angelo Sticca.

#### FOOTSCRAY O WOLLONGONG CITY O.

At Schintler Reserve, Sunday crowd 2861, referee J. Rossis sent off

FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic 6 — Murphy 7 — Deankovic 8, van Egmond 9 — Tapai 6, Karic 6, Bozinovski 7, Fabrizio 7 — Spink 7, Dimoski 6 (Mitrovski 75th), Lujic 7. Coach Mirsad Fazlagic. WOLLONGONG: Young 8 - Skeen 9, Vlietstra 9, Ratcliffe 7, Morlando 7 - Stefanovski 5, Ainsworth 6, Cokely 5, Crainie 5 -Easthorpe (sent off 26th), Giraldi 4. Coach John Fleming.

#### MARCONI 3 (Calderan 18th, Gray 36th, Farina 90th) ST. GEORGE 1 (Ollerenshaw 77th).

At Marconi Stadium Sunday, Referee R. Lorenc, cautions Calderan (Marc), Grbevski, Choi (St. George).

MARCONI: Catlin 7 — Gomez 6, Henderson 7, Calderan 9, Wheatley 5 - Mason 7 (Carter 66th), McCulloch 8, Gray 6, Katholos 5 — Farina 6, Lowe 6. Coach Berti Mariani.

ST. GEORGE: Gibson — Green, Moffitt, Choi, Grbevski (Ilic 67th) — Tortevski, Pottier, Hagan, Petkovski (O'Connor half-time) -Koczka, Ollerenshaw. Coach Frank Arok. Ratings by Berti Mariani.

#### APIA LEICHHARDT 2 (Tredinnick 36th, Philips 69th) BRISBANE LIONS O

at Wentworth Park, Sunday Crowd 1300, referee T. Seacey cautions Parison EAPIA) Wheeler, Dwyer (Lions).

APIA: Pezzano — Brown, Yankos, Bertogna, de Marigny — Butler, Watson, Tredinnick (Parison 67th), Phillips, Zajmi (McKinna 71st), Ward. Coach Rale Rasic.

LIONS: Kearton: - Niven, Liddell, Stewart, Mengotti -Bassingthwaite (Kirsopp 70th), Meredith, Ogden, Wheeler - Lightbown, (Cummings 25th), Dwyer. Coach Juan Cutillas.

#### SYDNEY OLYMPIC O SOUTH MELBOURNE O

at Parramatta Stadium, Crowd 3884, Referee R. Davies. SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier — Barrett, Dakos, Koch (Polak 53rd) Hooker - Saad, Pontidas (Patalis 81st), Phillips, Lee - Soper, Kosmin. Coach Eddie Thomson.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Giatas - Russell - Healy, Briar, Postecoglou - Wade, Tasios, Foster (Micheil 81st), Tsolakis -Trimboli, Wright. Coach Brian Garvey.

#### SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Foster 57th) ADELAIDE CITY 0

at Croatian Sports Centre, Crowd 3595, Referee J. McConnell. SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken — Rozic, Jones, Hunter — Savor, Clinch - Petkovic, Arnold, Ingham (Forster 56th) - Slater (Rezo 88th), Krslovic. Coach Vedran Rozic.

ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica — Shillabeer, Nyskohus, Flounders, Tobin - Melta, Santrac, Villani, Vidmar - Mullen, Maxwell (Miller 74th). Coach Zoran Matic.

> NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS Nunwading City O v. Clarinda 3; Footscray 2 v. Clifton Hill 2; Molh. Creatia O v. Preaton 3; Bye Reidelberg Utd; Sunshine G.X. O v. BU Juventus 2; Oakleigh 2 v. Sth. Melbourne 2; Wav./Muig. UTD 1 v. Caulfield City 2

TOP GOALSCORERS: 6. Farina (Marc), 3 Easthorpe (Woll), Egan, Palatsides (Juve), P. Murphy (M. Cro), Ollerenshaw (St. Geo), Spink (Foots), 2 Ainsworth (1 pen, Woll), Clark, McLaren (S.G.X.), Crino (Foots), Gray (Marc). Koczka (St. Geo), Lewis (2 pen.), Lightbown (Lions), Pontidas (Olymp), R. Stewart (2 pen. Lions), Pontidas (South).

#### Your Star Victorian League round-up

#### FIRST Division Victorian League team, Essenden The Italian-backed club, approaching its 30th anniversary, has had its fair share of City, are cautiously preparing for the big kick-off player gains and losses during the off-season. next month.



David Vesnaver... negotiating with

The club has lost the services of Frankie

Mussel, who captained the team last year. Kevin Coyle has also gone, as well as ace goalkeeper Alex Fantoma, who had a fine career with Brunswick Juventus before joining Essendon.

The club has signed John Di Cecco, and is also negotiating with David Vesnaver of Brunswick Juventus.

On the coaching side, ex-Essendon player and Juventus under 18-coach, Aldo Vesnaver, will be leading the club this year. In its 29 years as a club, Essendon City, or Triestina as it is referred to in Italian circles, has experienced the ups and downs of

Formed in 1959, the club reached great heights when it played in the State League in '63, and '64, but from there things began ' decline to the point where it found itself at

But 1982 saw the advent of a new committee which was hellbent on putting the club back on the trail of success, having spent

of three consecutive seasons where Essendon was promoted. 1985 also saw Essendon City win the Victorian Soccer Federation Centenary Cup, commemorating 100 years of Victorian soccer.

ground but according to team secretary, Mr Boato, promotion to State League would result in a change of ground.

Mr Boato believes the team is shaping up well, and practice match results have also been encouraging, with 10 victories over Green Gully and Moorabbin, as well as a 1-3 loss to Footscray J.U.S.T.

and with six junior teams ranging from U/10 to U/16, Mr Boato can see many promising players in the making.

bad luck which plagued the club last year, and 1957.

first division Provisional League in 1982.

so many years out in the wilderness. Success soon came and 1985 saw the start

Ormond Park is at present the club's home

Essendon City is also looking to the future.

lieves that if the team can avoid injuries and winning the Dockerty Cup in 1941, 1945

By Angelo Sticca which saw the team go undefeated for the first six games before finishing 8th in the table,

Promotion to State League would be the perfect gift when the club celebrates its 30th anniversary next year.

Moreland prepares

then 1988 should prove to be a fruitful

MORELAND Park Rangers, in the third division of the Victorian League, is hoping to strengthen its squad for the kick-off.

According to committeeman and player Lou Vaccaro, an ex-Juventus and Broadmeadows player, the club is looking for more players in order to build up a strong squad to ensure that the team clinches a spot in the top four on the table, in order to escape the new rationalisation of the major leagues.

"Moreland Park Rangers has a proud history and this year we will be trying hard to maintain it." said Mr Vaccaro.

And so it has. Established in 1936, Moreland has played at Campbell Reserve for 52 As for the club's ambitions, Mr Boato be- years, and some of its honours include

In 1985, it amalgamated with Park Rangers, who were established in 1945 and whose honours include winning the Dockerty Cup in 1948 and 1949. Moreland also had one of its players, C. Loughran, represent Australia in the 1956 Melbourne Olympic

This year sees the club under the leadership of a new committee which comprises both playing and non-playing members, with Rob Murdoch as President.

On the coaching side, Mick Wilson will be at the helm of the team.

His experience in soccer is redoubtable six years with Hibernian F.C. in the Scottish Premier League, one year with Sparta United in South Africa, two years with George Cross, two with Albion Rovers, and three years with Broadmeadows.

This year the club has five junior teams playing at Wallace Reserve in Glenroy, and hopes are that these teams will provide a solid base upon which the club can grow in

The club is concerned with increasing the sizes of the respective squads in order to make 1988 a successful season.

Being a multicultural club, the invitation is open to all players to come and join a proud club with a proud history to maintain.

### Crowd turns nasty after replay decision

UGLY soccer crowd scenes marred a tension-packed Advertiser Cup

Essendon City.

a last-grasp club Bell Park to tie the match at one-all.

But as North Geelong when told the game would not go to extra

spectator as he spoke to the crowd over the public

In the worst scenes seen at a Geelong Advertiser Cup tournament, the led Mr Cuell as he tried to explain the rules.

By Paul Millar

Horvat, tried to relieve the tension by addressing spectators, but his voice was drowned out by

The no extra-time rule was introduced after Corio won the trophy in near darkness in 1982.

All clubs in the series voted on the decision.

The game will be

game, Bell Park for once

New North signing Ivan Biskic had a fiery baptism when the midfielder decided to try out his dribbling skills. But Park would have none of

Mirco Brandich was bourne Croatia player quickly understood the error of his ways after some stinging tackles.

Tommy Cumming then turned a curling cross into Mick Opperman's path and although

settled first, leaving the ball wide cup final nerves to North Park was controlling Paul Mills sent a volley North Geelong team- Geelong, its defence with ease as whistling across the goal-

struggle was evident.

transferred to Coriowarning bells when he Geelong United outpaced the Bell Park In a game where cleardefence, hitting a drive cut chances were scarce it wide of the post and the became obvious a half host side for the first time chance could secure the

Cumming fired in a low drive which was deflected to Paul Mills and the t and the former Mel-

shooting lesson powering his way through the Park angled drive the wrong side of the post.

stopped and a single goal adorn the cup.

even at this stage a tight support of Wally Stojan- which the keeper did well ovski, who this week to cover.

However, it was Park

that was beginning to John Coutts hit a 30-

Park hung onto its lead. It was all North striker rattled it into the Geelong at this stage and net with 10 minutes of the the crowd sensed Robert Cosic then gave ticking away North the North forwards a pushed forward in numbers and Park started

> to look worried. A barrage of drives failed to beat Savi and it looked like the white never ribbon of Bell Park would

As a loose ball rico-

Park controlled the John Hrkac was obvious- mouth and Cumming cheted around the defence, tucking the ball early play but North was ly carrying an injury and then tested Con Dimo- penalty area Brandich into the net to level the contesting every ball and looked lost without the poulos with a fierce drive burst through the packed scores.

#### RICOH DOCKERTY CUP PRELIMINARY ROUND

THE following is the Draw for the next Preliminary Round of the Ricoh Dockerty Cup to be played on Saturday March 5th 1988. Kick off 3 pm.

metre drive which Savi | Springvale United v. Mordialloc; Lalor United v. Coburg; Albion v. Port Melbourne: Doncaster Rovers v Essendon City; Pascoe Vale v. Seaford Mooroolbark v. Ringwood Dandenong v. Langwarrin; Yallourn v. Clarinda; Nunawading City v. Warragul; Waverley City v. Clifton Hill; East Brunswick/Ivanhoe v. Werribee; Westgate v. Bell Park; Yarraville v. Hawthorn Citizens; Prahran/Brighton v. Corio/-Geelong United.

Games shall be 2x45 minute duration with an interval. In the event that the game is drawn after full time, an extra time period of 2x10 minutes each In a tension-packed the striker could not separated the sides as But the Park following way shall be played, if still a draw after extra time

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quality to the midfield and could be one key

On the other hand St Albans has had one

Tony Vrzina has lost seven players from

last season's squad, Mark Wilson, Dennis

Morovic, Goran Runje, Rob Krajacic, Ned

Batinovic and possibly Ivan Duzel to

Vrzina has not been able to make any

signings as yet and it looks as though St

Albans could be a contender for the big

Fawkner will be out to impress at Jukes

Albans side and should run out the winners.

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GREEN GULLY v.

OAKLEIGH

GREEN Gully, one of the successes of recent

years in the State league faces a hard task this

way traffic with its players, all outward.

to the success of the club this year.



#### STATE LEAGUE ROUND-UP

THIS Saturday sees the first round of the State League for 1988.

With a six team relegation set up this year it is vital that all teams get away to a good start as a few bad results at the start of the season could lay the foundations for a long run home.

#### ... MORWELL FALCONS

**CROYDON CITY** 

CROYDON City, a disappointing midtable at the end of last year after two successful years makes the long journey to the well fancied Morwell

This game should have been a little later in the year as both sides are well fancied this year, both sides have made major changes over the close season and it could be that both will need a couple of games before we see the best from them.

Falcons have strengthened their squad with Kenny Drakeford, Dave Reynolds from New Zealand, Gerry Bennett from Polonia and striker John Sokoluk from the UK.

Croydon have also bought wisely gaining Andy Humble, Mirko Runje, Goran Runje, Gordon Flavell, Jim Campbell, Dave McIntosh and John Gabrielson.

All of these players have had National league experience except for Goran Runje from St Albans and after a blending time they will be a real threat.

This first game will probably end in a draw but these two will be right up there at the end of the year and what a game to start the year for the Valley.

#### GARY CUTLER PREVIEWS

The State League First Round

#### FAWKNER v. ST ALBANS BULLEEN v. FAWKNER which finished third in last year's THOMASTOWN competition is keen to go two better this season and give itself the chance to make the jump to

WHAT more could State League newcomer Bulloon have asked for than a first up tie at home against Italian rivals Thomastown?

Well it has had its wish and what a good game it promises to be. No doubt a huge crowd will turn out to see these two battle it out at the Veneto Club.

Bulleen has been quiet in the close season but has recruited well enough to give it a chance to be competitive in its first year in State league.

Fab Angele from Fawkner and Rob Krajacic from St Albans are the only name players to have gone to the club, the rest of the side will be made up of players who have helped the club get to the State league and they will now be given the chance to prove they are good enough to play in it.

Thomastown on the other hand boasts some of the most experienced players in the league. Bobby McGuinness and Russell Athersych will be a difficult pair to hold and at the back George McMillan will be directing things.

Under the guidance of Bill Murray it may be this experience that will decide the points at the end of the day.

Jimmy Rooney's men will be giving all they have but may find the Thomastown side a little strong on the day.

season to continue the run of good years.

The reason, it has no one who can score goals, something it was done constantly over recent years.

Tommy Cumming, Joe Sweeney, Danny Zemunik have all moved on and Danny Ward is still in dispute and could well play against his old club this week if he can agree terms with Oakleigh before the weekend.

Gully are strong in the middle of the Park and at the back having gained Mark Wilson from St Albans to add to Steve Douglas. Colin Quigley, Joe O'Connell, and Steve McLelland to give new coach Willie Vassallo many options.

Oakleigh have been very late in getting organised this year but if they finalise the transfer of Danny Ward to partner Ally Dick up front they could cause problems for any

Gully will prove hard to score against but with the club lacking strikers this game at Gully could turn out to be a little disappointing and probably fizzle out to a

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#### BOX HILL v. WESTERN SUBURBS

BOTH these sides are in for a long hard season unless they can improve their present squads. Road in its first home game of the year and it will be too strong for the inexperienced St Box Hill have lost Harry Hird who has

retired and Dean Hennessy has gone to Fawkner. Andy McMillan has gone to Morwell leaving new coach John Brown with only one of his four defenders from last season and, although there are still a number of quality players at the club they may be too weak at the back to be a threat this year.

Alan Roodhouse and Barry Burton will

# RICOH CAMERAS

THE 1988 DOCKERTY CUP

battle all day in the middle of the park while Jim McBride can score goals. However, it is a long season and they may lack the depth in the squad later on.

Western Suburbs are sure to be in the same boat, they were in luck when they gained Andy Edwards from Sunshine George Cross half way through the year, and his goals saved them from relegation last year.

But Edwards is gone and with him goes Suburbs' main source of danger.

They also suffer from a lack of depth in the squad and although they have a few useful players they must be a candidate for the bottom six.

It will be a battle at Wembly Park with a draw looking the most likely outcome.

#### NORTHCOTE CITY v. MARIBYRNONG

MARIBYRNONG Polonia last year's champion faces a year of total contrast with this year the emphasis being on survival and not on winning the championship.

It travels to another relegation candidate Northcote City which will be under the guidance of Roy McLaren for the second time in 18 months.

Northcote has never been a happy hunting ground for Polonia and in the present situation I cannot see this year being any

Most of the strength from last year's squad has gone and new coach Jim McIntyre has a huge task to make the side competitive th

Aki Kotzamichalis has gone to George Cross, Gerry Bennett to Falcons, Kees Storm to Fawkner, Gordon Flavell to Croydon City and former coach Rob Nelson to Ringwood City.

Northcote on the other hand has lost Arthur Patiniotic to Heidelberg and Juan Toro is thought to have retired.

Former Preston defender Martin Wooddall has joined the Northerners but the loss of Toro and Drakeford from the midfield will leave McLaren with little to work with and they are among the main candidates for the drop at the end of the year.

This game may be a battle of the relegation candidates with Northcote possibly coming out on top mainly due to the lack of time Polonia has had to prepare and not to the fact that they are a better side.

#### HEIDELBERG V. RINGWOOD CITY

HEIDELBERG Utd, still smarting from its relegation from the National league last year is keen to bounce straight back.

First up it travels to the newly promoted Ringwood City. As pre season favourite it should overcome what is considered to be a weak Ringwood side.

However new Ringwood coach Rob Nelson is well known for his clever tactics as last season's success shows.

The Bergers have lost several key figures from last season's side but have also gained some quality players to replace them.

It may not be the runaway league win that many have predicted although under the guidance of Terry Hennessy it will be one of the sides to beat. Dennis Morovic and Arthur Patiniotis from Northcote will be two major assets but the loss of Andy Deely who has just returned to the UK and nine other NSL players will take a lot of replacing.

Rob Nelson is still in the process of blending his side together and it may be that the 'Bergers are a little too strong after competing in the Buffalo Cup and having a long preparation.

I pick Heidelberg to win but on the tight park at Ringwood it will be a hard debut for the State league newcomers.

#### STATE LEAGUE ROUND 1 Sat March 5th

K.O. 3 pm Morwell Falcons v. Croydon City Northcote City v. Maribyrnong Heidelberg United v. Ringwood City Green Gully v. Oakleigh Fawkner v. St Albans Crauffield City v. Springvale City Bulleon v. Thomastown Box Hill v. Western Suburbs

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WHAT a pity that Eddle Krncevic didn't join the flight from Europe to Australia last weekend — the flight that carried Jim Patikas out of Greece and into hot water

with AEK Athens. Then this hour of selfcurrently has me in its grip could run its course.

For those that haven't guessed, I'm about to play every soccer writer's favorite game - pick the national team.

It's easier for me to do it because I've got no clout whatsoever where it matters - in Sydney so my judgements won't prejudice the chances of those champing at the bit to pull on a Socceroo

I'm going to imagine that the tiff between Krncevic and Frank Arok no longer exists and that big Eddie is available for selection for the Olympic Games qualify-ing series that kicks off this weekend.

I'm also going to imagine that the ASF has David Mitchell is available for every game too. as that.

- Oscar Crino Charlie Yankos, Garry stop laughing, pick your- with the ability to go for- Continued Page 15

MacKenzie picks his Socceroos



son - Jim Patikas, Paul Wade, Mike Petersen -Eddie Krncevic, David

MacKenzie

Craig

I'm not going to waste space analysing Olver's selection. He's the best we've got. It's as simple

So, here it is, my But those of you who Arno self up off the floor and ward almost at will.

give me a chance to

For starters, I've was back in 1981 on the always believed that a occasion of the World succession of national Youth Championships in team coaches have sold Australia. us short in regard to the Crino played for our skill level available here. youth team then, as a

And I've often wonder- libero, and did so with ed, when watching top- considerable success. class overseas nations in Less Scheinflug was the action, why we can't find coach and I thought then national team: Jeff Olver noticed that Crino is a libero, a player gifted in that he had done Ausselected as sweeper can most aspects of the game



Eddie Krncevic... one for the Socceroos.

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Campbell is coming

ted coach in the West End
National League at the
moment then Ernie
Merrick, of Preston Makedepis he has my steam sympathy. But somehow

attacking nothing could be worse.

"I have never worked so hard with players on scoring goals," he says. 'And my players tell me they have never had

so much shooting practice in their lives be-"Everything works out fine at training, but goes terribly wrong in

games. I just cannot Yugoslavia did little to is playing so well and if boost Merrick's con- we could only get the fidence for the future al- ball in the net we would

settle in and it wouldn't every game without be fair to judge him on conceding a goal."

talks to a

frustrated

"The really annoying be hard to beat. "But you cannot ex-

for last Sunday's blank only a good defence. It "He will take time to can't expect to last out

While Merrick still manages to put on a brave face, there is little doubt he is under con-Coaches have been

But there is a flicker of light at the end of the tunnel — the impending

sacked for less.

"There is no doubt we have missed him,"

something of a good

"He still hasn't played for us because of his heel injury, but I am very hopeful that he will be back for our next game in two weeks." Preston like all Melbourne clubs, has a free

game against Israel at Olympic Park on couple of runs with the

weekend because of the

youth team and he scored a goal. "So I am keeping my fingers crossed that he

team when we play

Reserve on the 13th of March," said Merrick

luck charm and we could really do with a change of luck." But Merrick is not pinning all his faith on Campbell. He would

like at least one new player, preferably striker, and he will start looking around immed Stuart Stevenson, who

transfer list by South Melbourne Heilas at around \$12,000. Stevenson would certainly liven things up in

over his players. the Preston attack and will be ready for the first Merrick admits he likes



Ron Campbell waiting to return to the big

tends to work hard on breaking the goalscoring hoodoo which seems to have taken

"There is no point in

In the meantime, letting it get us down. Merrick says he has What we have to do is over a week to sort a few keep working at solving the problem," he says. "Maybe it will take a couple of players to freshen things up, but at

the moment we are too

good a team to be where

we are in the league."

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SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1988

Back Row (Left to Right): Tom Markovski, Gary Hasler, John Waddell, Sean Keogh, Aki Kotzamichalis, Robert Markovac.
Front Row: Mark Lennon, Don McLaren, John Campelj, Les Carter, Gary Clark, Jeff Faulkner, John Markovski.



• Jeff Faulkner retiring?



John Waddell, Impressive in his home debut.



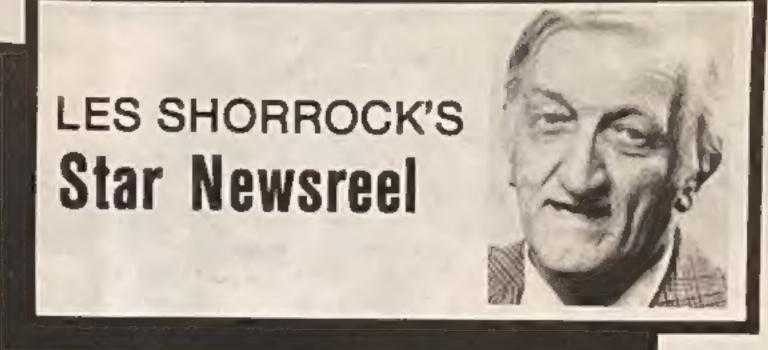
Sean Keogh foils Joe Palatsides.



• Speedy Mark Lennon.



Big John and even bigger Aki.





Aki Kotzamichalis keeps a watchful eye on Gary McDowall.



#### OVERSEAS NEWS... OVERSEAS NEWS... OVERSEAS NEWS... OVERSEAS NEWS... OVERSEAS NEWS... OVERSEAS NEWS...

Littlewoods Cup wins over

Manchester United and Ever-

ton respectively, defeated

Charlton with two goals by

from Michael Thomas and

Tottenham enjoyed its best

result since former Barcelona

coach Terry Venables took

over as manager last Novem-

ber - a 3-0 win at Sheffield

Wednesday. It was the team's

fourth win under Venables

England striker Clive Allen

put Spurs ahead after 16

npressive victory.

Paul Merson and one each

#### ITS STILL LIVERPOOL

possible place in Europe next

recovered from a traumatic week of two cup defeats by

beating Southampton 1-0,

fifth-placed Arsenal con

tinued its crushing current

form by disposing of strug-

gling Charlton 4-0, and sixth-

placed Queen's Park Rangers

overcame London rival Wim-

bledon, which was one place

season made the most of in-

viting home fixtures.

Fourth-placed

below it, 1-0.

skills of John Barnes came to Liverpool's rescue on Saturday as it battled to a 2-0 win at Portsmouth to move 14 points clear at the top of the English first soccer division.

Barnes scored both goals, striking after 49 and 85 minutes, to extend Liverpool's unbeaten league run to 27 matches and end Portsmouth's own 10-match unbeaten run.

But it was an uncomfortable afternoon for Liverpool which had to survive several periods of heavy Portsmouth ahead and taking command.

Barnes' opening goal, after a typical burst of acceleration nast his marker, came courtesy of a wicked deflection and the second at a time when Portsmouth was pressing hard for an equaliser.

With second-placed Manchester United and thirdplaced Nottingham Forest without matches three of the pack involved in the chase for the runner-up spot and a

Ashley Grimes struck with

two beautifully-taken first-

half goals here on Sunday as

Luton beat Oxford 2-0 to

clinch its place in the Little-

The victory secured a 3-1

aggregate triumph for Luton

Arsenel 4 Charites Of Dorby 1 West Ham Of Everten 1 Southampton Of Newcastic 2 Chelses 1; Portsmouth O Liverpool 2 Queen's Park Rangers 1 Wimbiedon O Sheffield Wednesday O Tottenham 3; Wet-

Asten Villa 5 Plymouth 2: Barneley 2 Ipo-wich 3; Bournemouth 0 Stoke 0: Crystal Palace 1 Shrewsbury 2: Huddersfield 2

The details

woods Cup final.

was a disappointing day for former England, Real Madrid and Marseille winger Laurie Cunningham who was making his league debut for the club. Queen's Park Rangers' win-

ner came from John Byrne

after 81 minutes.

Luton clinches

Everton, by contrast, se- drew 1-1 at Dundee United. cured its decisive goal against Southampton after only four

minutes when Paul Power struck with a powerful drive. Arsenal, playing with great confidence after its FA and

spot in final and ensured its first appearance in a Wembley cup final since 1959. It will meet Arsenal on April 24.

> Oxford United, the winners of the trophy two years ago, never raised a genuine attempt to regain it.

> NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE Berrow 4 Gainsberough 1; Coornarion 3 Metlock 1; Gatesbend 1 Sanger City 1; Merine 7 Hyde 3; Messley 2 Meroambe WEST GERMANY
> Beyors Munich & FC Hombury 9; Seehurs
> 6 Worder Bromen 1; Beyor Uordingen 1
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The transfer will either go holder Coventry City has through next week, if Luton wins the Littlewoods Cup

held high, the curtain fell on Crino the libero

Yankos

minutes and late goals by Belrethink of the national gium's Nico Claesen and midfielder Paul Allen sealed an In Scotland, a last-minute goal by captain Roy Aitken earned Celtic a 1-0 Premier Division victory over botton club Morton and lifted it four points clear of Rangers, who

national team sweeper but I really believe that and his athleticism can be put to good use in a full-

MacKenzie

• From Page 10

son as left-back, I know that that's harsh towards in Graham Jennings but I really couldn't view a confidence about its pros-

As for playing David-

I've picked McDowall and Bertogna as central defenders and I'll back ward either Israel or New

They are ferocious skill than they're often

#### Rangers' £3m bid for Rush

LONDON: Scottish champions Glasgow Rangers are planning a 13m offer for Welsh scoring star Ian Rush. Rangers player-manager Gracme Souness, a teammate of the Juventus striker in their days at Liverpool, is reported to have already had preliminary talks with the Italian club about bringing Rush back to Britain. Souness, who has already spent over 15m on players, is now trying to set up a deal

with sponsors to pay Rush's

given credit for and could see them wearing a Socceroo strip for the next four or five years.

Patikas is a must as an attacking midfielder and Wade's and passing would neatly Petersen's sometimes erratic but neverheless

It's an inteiguing mix. No doubt there are those of you out there who see problems in the blend and no doubt thousands of you can name others who you feel should be selec-

team. I have no hesiwhatsoever linking Krncevic with Mitchell up front.

There is surely no substitution for having your game finely tuned in the European arena. well remember

Krncevic's return to Melbourne after his first sojourn to Europe. He trained with Melbourne Croatia and his former team mates were very, very impressed with the dramatic improvement shown in his close ball

What a pairing they would be. What an interesting line-up it would be. Dream

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### BLUES GONGED

How long will Woll- ladder? Not long playing

- Fred Fisher

shot for the open goal,

Man of

the match:

ongong stay on top of the as defensively as this.

Meier

foils

#### FOOTSCRAY O WOLLONGONG O

FOOTSCRAY dominated for 75% of this game and finished up with only a point to show for its

> Man of the match:

Wollongong came pre- SYDNEY OLYMPIC O

only for David Barrett to SOUTH MELBOURNE O pared for a backs to the South thrilled a good arrive out of the blue and wall fight and it paid off, crowd at Parramatter Stadium, but had to be even after the body blow content with a point, of having Randell East- thanks mainly to a great display of goalkeeping by horpe sent off in the 25th veteran Gary MeierM

Meier had a let-off in Paul Wade almost un-Easthorpe had elbowed believably missed from kick off the goaline. Gerry van Egmond in the point-blank range, but After a double-barrelled then he saved well from save from first Paul

Trimboli and then Wright after the again Meier capped his goalkeeper break, Meier saved well day when he flew across defenders Dave Skeen, Danny Wright, but then minutes to deny Trimboli Ray Vlietstra, and David was left stranded as yet again.

- Tom Tonovski

# Wright rounded him and John Markovski

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 3 (McLaren 6th, Carter 24th, Markovski 54th). BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 3 (Palatsides 2nd, 41st, Egan

and the result was the best NSL game I've had the pleasure of watching this season.

Georgie had a new pairing in defence, with both Scottish import their home debuts.

Faulkner was pressed into service at right accustomed to their roles. Juve struck in the

The ball was only half-cleared and quicksilver Joey Palatsides pounced to push the ball That was but a fore-

Don McLaren to spot a hole in the Juve de-

Les Shorrock

The chances were Palatsides shot just wide and then Mark Lennon broke away for

ed the chance.

tangle as Peter Lewis fence and Georgie was

in front again. Great refereeing that

fence got in a terrible

MATCH RATING - \* \* \*

Brown hit a long ball well wide of Jeff Faulkner who was left labouring and Palatsides cut in to score

The pace and thrills

the Georgie attack with grat dash, chased a long ball. Pat Marrama releived as Clarke's

his vacant goal.

Man of the match:

Waddell who had an ex-Markovski to stab the ball home.

home and hosed, but it wasn't to be. Charlie Egan popped up on the challenges, out-manouevred John Campelj and tucked the ball neatly past Keogh.

seemed

In the last few minutes, Juventus incurred the ire of the crowd by playing the ball around at the back, but Georgie fans who booed should

No... George Cross fact it will finish in the five!

PRESTON MAKEDONIA O. PRESTON Makedonia out a goal is the perfect Milosevic who scored the way for a team to be all important winner labelled relegation can- when he cooly dribbled didates. In this game, Jeff his way past five Preston lacked the confidence Oiver was only called on defenders before calmly and skill to create clear twice to save from Pres- slotting the ball past the chances, and Goce field play, Saso Pet- finally secured the two

never looked like clear

Croatia dominated the midfield. and ultimately this was where the game was won. Josip Biskic and Branko Milosevic played well for Croatia, both initiating forward thrusts and it was

Preston keeper, Phil Trianides, in shocker.

Man of the match: BRANKO MILOSEVIC

Preston looked flat and

Dimovski

first game, and I think he maining 28 minutes. may find Australian soccer a bit too physical for his liking.

improve Preston's mid-

Preston's only real Theo Selemidis played solidly in defence for

chance, (if you can call it RATES a chance), came in the final minute of the first half, when Jeff Olver made a fairly comfortable save from a shot by the barren Steve Smith.

Melbourne Croatia

played a kovski was replaced in points it deserved in the wishes to gegain last the 62nd minute by Mick 88th minute, and it seems years magic form which New signing for Pres- Brian who, however, that Preston Makedonia saw it come second to ton, Saso Petkovski, failed to make any mark will need to pull something out of the hat if it ship race.

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Queen of South 2 Meadowbank 1

### Coventry's bid fails

failed in its bid to bring Tottenham's England midfield player Steve Hodge back to the Midlands.

Spurs' manager Terry Vena-bles wants 1650,000 for the nomesick Hodge, a fee Coventry cannot afford.

But Venables, eager for cash to finance his rebuilding programme at White Hart Lane, has sold striker Shaun Close to second division club Bournemouth for £80,000. The Spurs boss is also on the point Luton for £300,000.

two years ago.

semi-final second leg against Oxford, or before next month's transfer deadline, if it

Former Argentina midfield hero Ossie Ardiles looks likely to follow Thomas out of White Hart Lane, after being axed for Spurs' game at Sheffield

Wednesday on Saturday. American club Fort Lauderdale is favourite to land the 35-year-old, whose contract expires at the end of the season - having offered him coaching terms.

Chelsea will also sell before The fee has been agreed and it buys again and the first the England Under-21 inter- player to leave Stamford national is keen to return to Bridge could well be former the club he left for £250,000 England striker Kerry Dixon.

#### John Barnes SOCCER —

ROME, Feb 27 (UPI) - The governing council of the Italian Soccer Federation voted Saturday to allow a third foreign player in first division clubs from the beginning of next season.

The council also decided to increase the number of clubs in the first division from 16 to 18 from the start of the 1988-89 season.

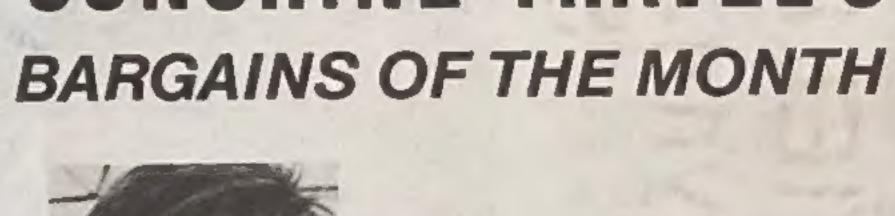
It decided however to postpone the admission of a single foreign player to Italian second division clubs wntil the beginnings of the 1990-91 season.

Italian Soccer fans are divided over the advisability of allowing a third foreigner in the first division, according to an opinion poll published Saturday.

Many believe that if Italian Soccer comes to be dominated by brilliant and highly paid foreign stars the quality of Italys native players will

Some observers said the disision was a favor to the presidents of Italys richest clubs, who are eager to strengthen their teams further with an influx of foreign talent.







#### CAULFIELD v. SPRINGVALE

CAULFIELD City and Springvale City could fight out the most interesting match of Saturday's State League round one.

Caulfield, playing attractive open attacking soccer made a bold bid for State League championship last year and should be right in the thick of things again this year.

This is despite the loss of four important players in Angie Koutos, Harry Micheil, Con Pappas and Michael Hamakiotis.

Koutos' pairing with dual medal winner Paul Harris was one reason why the Blues were so hard to pass last year. However, Koutos has gone to Greece to try his luck there.

Promising left-back Harry Micheil has been snapped up by South Melbourne, and Con Pappas has returned to Heidelberg.

Pappas' departure has been a blow to Caulfield, because he is one of the deadliest finishers in the League as he showed when he came from the Bergers during last season.

He was also voted Player of the Series in the summer mini-world cup which was won by Greece.

Greatly under-rated Michael Hamakiotis has not re-signed, and coach Rocco Ille is hoping that goalkeeper Robert Madjer will have recovered from knee surgery in time for Saturday's game.

But there are some plusses too for Caulfield. After considering a move to another club, Paul Harris has re-signed and he will be paired at the back with new signing Caesar Fattore who comes from Fawkner with the highest credentials.

And to compensate for the loss of Pappas Caulfield has signed Richie Armstrong from Frankston Pines and Danny Zemunik is back too.

Zemunik, after looking the goods two years ago, had a miserable time with Green Gully, due mainly to a blood disorder. Now he's back fully fit, leaner than ever and raring to go, so goalkeepers had better look out.

Caulfield's strike force has also been reinforced by ex-Footscray star Bruno Cozzella.

Caulfield's opponent on Saturday, Springvale City has had a big clear-out since genial Gus MacLeod was appointed coach.

Springvale laboured somewhat last season, but MacLeod with the security of a two-year contract behind him is intent on building acompletely new side.

He will have the benefit of Keith Adams, Springvale's captain who missed almost the whole of last season.

Greg House, Bob Morrey and Dennis Boland form an experienced backbone to the team, and Springvale will probably do well enough to keep clear of the relegation zone.

# CAULFIELD CITY v. SPRINGVALE CITY at Olympic Park, No. 2. K.O. 3 p.m., Saturday March 5th



#### CAULFIELD CITY 1988

Back Row (Left to Right): Angie Filipou, Phil Griffin, Paul Harris, Nick Koletsas, Mike Alexandropoulos, Con Chrysopoulos, Caesar Fatore, Danny Zemunik, Aki Alogoyiannis, Rocco Ille (coach).

Front Row: Con Boutslanas, Bruno Cozzella, John Bitsonis, Nick Deligiannis, Pepe Abraam, Andrew Theoharous, Peter Tsitiridis, Con Koutropoulos. Missing: Robert Madjer, Richire Armstrong, Jim Sahinidis.